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## **HB 5566 An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes**

Thank you to Senator Stillman, Representative Fleischmann, Senator Boucher, Representative Ackert and members of the Education Committee for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of ***HB 5566 An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes, in particular Section 4.***

In researching the laws for screenings in Connecticut schools, the records go back to 1949. With the exception of the law related to postural screenings, which was changed in 1996, those laws have not changed.

Evidence based practices and recommendations from trusted sources such as the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend screenings as seen below.

### **Recommended change to meet the recommendations of AAP: Table 1**

AAP / Bright Futures Hearing and Vision Screening Recommendations	
Age	Grade
5	KG
6	1 <sup>st</sup>
8	3 <sup>rd</sup>
9	4 <sup>th</sup>
10	5 <sup>th</sup>
7 (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) and 11 -21 years are screened based on PCP risk assessment. A single vision screening is recommended once in early adolescence (would be met with 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> grade physical).	

Vision, hearing, and postural screenings are required as part of the mandated physical examination according to Chapter 169 School Health and Sanitation, Section 10-206, Health Assessments (b) (3) and (c) (3).

I respectfully ask you to adopt HB 5566 An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes with the insertion of the following language:

**“When screenings are done during a mandated physical examination, screenings need not be repeated in school.”**

Thank you.